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## **Advisory Action**

| Application No. | Applicant(s)         | Applicant(s) |  |  |
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THE REPLY FILED 05 November 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

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|                             | PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]  |
| a) [2                       | The period for reply expires <u>4</u> months from the mailing date of the final rejection.  |
| b) [                        |   |
| ee hav<br>ee und<br>2) as s | tensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension e been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension er 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or et forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if led, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b). |
| _                           | A Notice of Appeal was filed on Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.   |
| 2.                          | The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:  |
| (a)                         | they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);  |
| (b)                         | they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);  |
| (c)                         | they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or  |
| (d)                         | they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.  NOTE:  |
| 3.                          | Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s):  |
| 4.                          | Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).  |
| 5.🛛                         | The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☒ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: <u>See Continuation Sheet</u> .  |
| 6.                          | The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.   |
| 7.🛛                         | For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) $\square$ will not be entered or b) $\boxtimes$ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.   |
|                             | The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:  |
|                             | Claim(s) allowed: None.   |
|                             | Claim(s) objected to: <u>None</u> .   |
|                             | Claim(s) rejected: <u>1-6 and 14</u> .  |
|                             | Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration:  |
|                             | The drawing correction filed on is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.   |
| 9.                          | Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s)( PTO-1449) Paper No(s)  |
| 10.                         | Other:  |
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Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because the examiner still belives that Kleinhen's reference discloses the pushers 26 pressing the edges of the sheets 14 in order to push the sheets forward. Note that it is inherent and known in the art as pushers 26 on the conveyor 22 it has to be rotating with the conveyor as they are fixed to the conveyor. Conveyor 22 and chain 36 are endless, meaning rotating around and while pushers/pressors 26 placaed on the endless conveyor 22, that makes it inherent pushers 26 are rotatable around along with the conveyor (column 2, lines 35-37 and column 8, lines 48-51).

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